

Remarks

The Applicant submits an amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 to add new Claims 86-92, and to make clerical and typographical corrections to the specification and figures. The new claims all depend directly or indirectly from allowed independent Claim 77, and do not require any additional search or examination on the Examiner's part. These amendments and new claims do not impact any of the independent claims, and are intended merely to correct informalities and clarify the claims. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the originally filed specification, in particular: for Claims 86-88 at previously filed Claim 55, and the paragraph starting at page 16 line 7; for Claim 89 at the paragraphs starting at page 16 line 20, page 18 line 25, page 21 line 21, page 23 line 10, and page 24 line 4; for Claim 90 at the paragraph starting at page 16 line 7; for Claim 91 at the paragraphs starting at page 16 line 7, page 22 line 24, and page 23 line 10, and originally filed Claim 20; and for Claim 92 at the paragraph starting at page 21 line 21 and previously filed Claim 53. The Amendments and new claims are needed for proper protection of the invention, require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office, and require no further search or examination on the Examiner's part. As such, the new claims do not require the application to be withdrawn from allowance or issuance for proper entry.

The Amendments to the Specification are to correct for inadvertent typographical and clerical errors, consistency in term, and to correct reference numerals. No new matter has been entered and the Amendments are needed for proper protection of the invention and require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

The Applicant also submits a Replacement Sheet for Figure 5 to clarify the regions indicated by reference numeral 34 as the interstitial regions, not an element of the structure 30. The Replacement Sheet now has the line for the incorrectly marked reference numeral 34 correctly indicating the interstitial region, not a strut. The applicant respectfully requests entry of the same.

Fees and Deposit Account

No fee is believed due with the filing of this document, however, in the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this documents to Deposit Account No. 18-2000, of which the undersigned is an authorized signatory.

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